

## INVITATION

2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2004



Ministry of the Interior  
Finland



Finnish Forest  
Research Institute

### REGIONAL BALTIC WILDLAND FIRE MEETING

With reference to the recommendations included in the Communiqué of the International Wildland Fire Summit (Sydney, Australia, 8 October 2003), a Regional Baltic Wildland Fire Meeting will be convened in Helsinki. The meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2004, in Helsinki, Finland.

The Meeting is organised by the Finnish Ministry of the Interior and the Finnish Forest Research Institute in collaboration with the United Nations (UN) through the Regional Wildland Fire Network for the Baltic Region of International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISNDR) for Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the ECE/FAO/ILO Team of Specialists on Forest Fire.

The meeting aims at adopting the strategic recommendations of the Summit and encouraging the countries bordering the Baltic Sea to develop agreements for cooperation in forest fire management. One of the driving reasons for organizing this meeting is the increased wildfire risk due to climate change resulting in weather extremes. At the same time urbanisation of the rural population has led to decreased skills among the public to manage fires. Consequently forest fire research, technology development and mutual cooperation in fire management must receive increasing attention.

#### **The main objectives in Helsinki meeting will be:**

1. To activate regional cooperation and mutual assistance in Forest Fire Management in the Baltic region,
2. To discuss and find out what are the main problems or achievements today in Forest Fire management in each country in this region,
3. To discuss and present ongoing forest fire research activities in order to develop research network in the Baltic region,
4. To support and enhance the networks, information sharing and research activity in Forest fire management in the Baltic region.

In addition to that there will be a short informal discussion about Forest Fire Research activities and development of future research cooperation and networks in the Baltic Region on Sunday evening 7 pm if there will be enough interested participants for this. This discussion aims at nominating a research team to search funding for future research cooperation projects. Please inform us the names of representatives that will participate in this discussion by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2004.

The organisers have the honour to invite you to the meeting. We ask each country to nominate two to four (2-4) representatives to the meeting, both from forest fire management and from forest fire research community. The language of the meeting is English. Interpretation is not arranged.

Travelling and accommodation costs should be covered by the sending organisations. Coffee and lunch during the meeting are offered by the organisers. Accommodation is possible in hotel ARTHUR, single room is 83 €/ night. Hotel reservations are asked to be done directly to the hotel Arthur: Phone: +358-9-173 44200, Fax: +358-9-626 880, e-mail: [reception@hotelarthur.fi](mailto:reception@hotelarthur.fi). Address: Vuorikatu 19. 00100 HELSINKI.

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**Registration to the meeting should be made by the 1st of April 2004.**

We ask you to send the name, title, institution and address (e-mail or fax.) of each representative and also filled Appendix 1. to Timo Heikkilä by fax:

+358 9 160 44672 or by e-mail: [timo.heikkila@intermin.fi](mailto:timo.heikkila@intermin.fi)

After registration we will send you location information of hotel Arthur.

Director general

Pentti Partanen

Senior officer

Taito Vainio

For notice: Embassy of Finland in Moscow

Enclosures: Appendix 1  
Appendix 2  
Letter to researcher  
List of invited persons

## Programme:

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of May

08.00 –	Breakfast	
09.00 – 09.15	Opening	- Director General Pentti Partanen, Ministry of the Interior - Director General of the Finnish Forest Research Institute
09.15 – 09.30	The agenda and programme for the meeting.	Taito Vainio, Ministry of the Interior
09.30 – 10.00	The Cooperative International Fire Initiatives Developed through the FAO	Mike Jurvelius FAO
10.00 – 10.30	Global and Regional Wildland Fire Networks ISDR developed by GFMC	Johann Goldammer GFMC
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee	
11.00 – 11.30	The principles of templates for international Co-operation in Wildland Fire Management Presentation of the model of Silva Mediterranea and the Mediterranean Basin	Richardo Velez Spain
11.30 – 12.00	Forest Fire Research in Finland Forest Fire Research in European Union	Ilkka Vanha-Majamaa Jean-Charles Valette
12.00 – 12.10	CTIF, Forest Fire Committee	Trond Rane
12.10 – 13.15	Lunch	
13.15 -	Country reports: (15 min / country) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Finland</li><li>- Sweden</li><li>- Norway</li><li>- U.K</li><li>- Germany</li><li>- Poland</li><li>- Lithuania</li><li>- Latvia</li><li>- Estonia</li><li>- Russia</li><li>- Belarus</li><li>- Denmark</li></ul>	
	Coffee break 30 min (about 15.00) during country reports	
n. 16.45 – 17.15	Conclusion of the meeting	JG , MJ, RV, TV, HF
17.15 –	Closing of the meeting	